



FOCUS AREAS

- Safety Conditions
- Roadway Operations
- Projected Traffic
- Local & Regional Connectivity
- Economic Impact

CONVERTING EXISTING HIGHWAY TO INTERSTATE

- MoDOT upgrades highway to interstate design standards
- Approval by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Numbering approval by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)

STUDY GOALS

- Evaluate existing & anticipated conditions for safety, traffic capacity, operations & freight movement along both corridors
- Facilitate robust public engagement & environmental factor review to inform prioritization process
- Evaluate regional economic benefits of building new roadway on the west side of Jasper & Newton counties and designating Routes 171/249 as an interstate
- Determine regional economic benefits that interstate designation provides when applied to an existing freeway
- Identify needed improvements and costs to upgrade Routes 171/249 to interstate standards and to build a new roadway on the west side of Jasper and Newton counties

STUDY PURPOSE

- Both corridors are high priorities for regional planning agencies
- Joplin Area Transportation Organization (JATSO) ranks Routes 171/249 interstate designation #1 & Joplin West Corridor #3
- Harry S Truman Coordinating Council (HSTCC) ranks Routes 171/249 interstate designation #3

PROJECT TIMELINE

- Study begins - October 2025
- Stakehold meetings - June 2026
- Public meetings - July 2026
- Study complete - October 2026

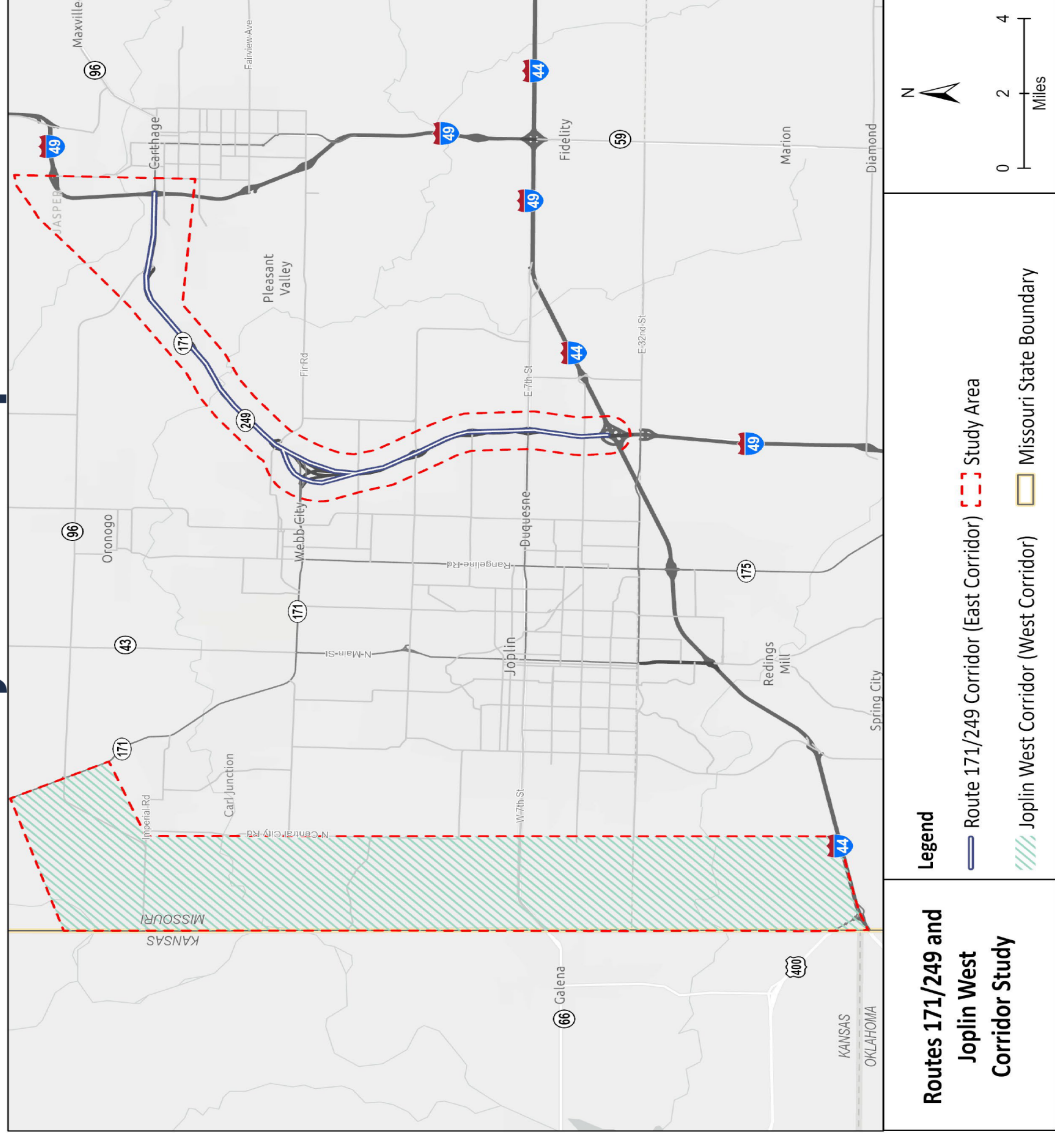


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Combined Study Area Map



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Joplin West
Corridor Survey



Route 171/249
Survey

